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SUBJ: UNESCO: GENEVA GROUP LETTER TO DG CONCERNING

UNESCO'S BUDGET

REF: STATE 170620

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UNESCO CG LETTER SENT TO DG M'BOW
ON JULY 26. LETTER WAS SIGNED BY US PERM REP AS
CHAIRMAN OF CG. DEPT WILL NOTE THAT CG DECIDED TO
ADDRESS LETTER TO DG, WITH COPY TO ADG FOR ADMINISTRATION
(RIGAUD), AND THAT "DEFENSIVE TONE" PER REFTEL, IN DRAFT
TEXT PARA 3, HAS BEEN ELIMINATED.

BEGIN QUOTE: I AM ADDRESSING YOU ON BEHALF OF THE
PERMANENT DELEGATIONS OF A GROUP OF COUNTRIES THAT
PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO UNESCO'S
BUDGET (THE SO-CALLED "GENEVA GROUP"). AS YOU KNOW, THE
GOVERNMENTS OF THESE COUNTRIES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE
RAPID GROWTH OF BUDGETS OF UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.
THEY ARE WELL AWARE OF THE EFFORTS MADE BY YOU AND YOUR
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STAFF TO MAKE THE WORK OF UNESCO AS EFFICIENT AS POSSIBLE
AND TO SECURE INCREASED COST-EFFECTIVENESS. THEY
RECOGNIZE THAT PROGRAMS REQUIRE ADEQUATE FINANCIAL
SUPPORT TO BE IMPLEMENTED SUCCESSFULLY. THEY ALSO
RECOGNIZE THAT THE REASONS FOR THE ESCALATION OF
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS' BUDGETS INCLUDE INFLATION,
AND CURRENTLY FLUCTUATIONS WHICH LIE BEYOND THE CONTROL OF

THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

WE BELIEVE IT TO BE IN EVERYONE'S INTEREST TO AVOID DISPROPORTIONATE INCREASES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS' BUDGETS, AS THE RESOURCES OF MEMBER STATES ARE NOT UNLIMITED. MOREOVER, PUBLIC CONCERN IS GROWING AT WHAT SOMETIMES APPEARS TO BE THE UNRESTRICTED GROWTH OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES' BUDGETS AT A TIME WHEN MOST COUNTRIES ARE ENDEAVORING TO STABILIZE THEIR NATIONAL ECONOMIES AND BUDGETS.

WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT YOU SHARE OUR VIEW THAT THE OPINIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTORS TO UNESCO AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE FULLY CONSIDERED.

THEREFORE, I AM WRITING ON BEHALF OF A NUMBER OF THE PRINCIPAL CONTRIBUTORS WHO WISH TO CONSULT YOU AT AN EARLY STAGE ABOUT BUDGET GROWTH FOR THE NEXT BIENNIUM. SUCH CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE MOST USEFULLY HELD BEFORE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS ARE FIXED, EVEN PROVISIONALLY, BY A FORMALIZED PROPOSAL FROM THE SECRETARIAT. IN ORDER TO UNDERTAKE A MEANINGFUL EVALUATION OF THE EVENTUAL SECRETARIAT BUDGETARY PROPOSALS, THE GENEVA GROUP DELEGATIONS WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNDERLYING ASSUMPTIONS WHICH THE SECRETARIAT IS MAKING IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE PREPARATION OF ITS 1979-80 BUDGET.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU THAT OUR AIM IS A CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH THE SECRETARIET, AS THE PROGRAM OF WORK AND BUDGET TAKE SHAPE, IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT A CONSENSUS.

PLEASE ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE.
HARTMAN

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